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Man Charged for Alleged Racial Attack on Metro Bus Driver

A 34-year-old man was charged today with a racial attack on a Sikh Metro bus driver, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Steven Gates said KC Tard Jr. (dob 2/7/82) faces one felony count of battery with injury on transit personnel in case YA093827.

The felony complaint includes the allegation that the offense was a hate crime.

Arraignment for Tard was continued to tomorrow in Department 5 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Inglewood Branch.

The defendant is accused of making racial slurs at the victim shortly before hitting him on the face and fleeing on Nov. 6, 2015, the prosecutor said.

Tard faces a possible maximum penalty of six years in state prison if convicted as charged.

Bail has been set at \$45,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Metro Transit Services Bureau.

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